SYDNEY ANARCHIST QUARTERLY AUTUMN 95

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WE WON'T STOP 'TIL THEY DO

DAYDREAMING TOGETHER

"If you dream alone, it's just a dream;
if you dream together it's reality."
(Brasilian folksong)

WELCOME TO 'THE (POST)-VISIONS OF FREEDOM BULL-ETIN',
(AKA 'THE SYDNEY ANARCHIST QUARTERLY').

While Noam may have provided the pretext & impetus("Ok, an anarchist talk would be fun"), & then acted as catalyst & bonus for a weekend gathering, together we all managed to pull off something significant.
There seemed to be more participants from outside of Sydney, than from within; & the pluralism/diversity of the politics of participants was, I thought, an asset - it generated dialogue. Plenty of older people ('older' than me, that is !(ie., past 50)), as well as the to-be-expected younger generations; theorists (the odd academic too) & activists (who felt the lack of ACTION - demos, etc. - NB for next time...); religious anarchists & non-religious rationalists-&/or-spiritualists; freethinkers & censorists; non-heteros, men's movement & transgenders; hillbillies, card-carrying anarchist-party-cadres, individualists & non-anarchists (! - 'yes, even THEY got in'); our (Town Hall) security in uniforms proclaiming 'The only good fascist is a dead fascist'; & our devil-may-care linguistic playboy denouncing bolshevism as a blow AGAINST the working class while he defended (western) state institutions...

Even if Visions didn't reach many agreements ('Ha ! the concluding Sun. arvo plenary sure indicated some of the gaps & conflicts between people'), questions were posed & heated (at times) debate ensued: as Joe T. says, it was more of an educational, rather than an organisational medium.

Chuck's wonderful Claytons' 'registration' form resulted in considerable interaction between us 'organisers', & the rest of you: we trust whoever wanted to modify the weekend program was able to - if not, why not? - & those who needed to receive-or-give billeting &/or child care got it ? etc....

As the weekend progressed we invited responses, to be published in this, a post-Visions BULL-etin - several are included (*). Otherwise this is what's usually known as 'the Sydney anarchist quarterly'(SAQ) newsletter ...

We've held 2 meetings in Sydney since That(was-the-)Weekend(that-was), & have produced the attached: an open letter to the East Timor Relief Association(ETRA) et al, & a financial balance.
We've discussed how to spend our anarchist share of the 'profits'. We are agreed upon using some of the $ to publish a post-conference publication, maybe as a 'book' called 'Visions of Freedom'.

We welcome your feedback on all this: if you have any further reflections on the weekend, &/or outstanding conference-related costs you think Visions should reimburse, &/or proposals for a share of the $ (we would prefer people/groups to put forward specific (anarchist) projects/activities that they would like funding for, rather than just their regular expenses/ running costs/ etc.), &/or contributions to the 'book' (written &/or VISUAL), etc...

(With the $, my own preferences are to spread it across existing anarchist projects, especially the ones that contributed to Visions..., & encourage networking... One proposal - as a corollary to the open letter to ETRA - is to offer some $ as a 'scholarship' for a critical investigation/comparison of the East Timor liberation struggle with say the Eritrean &/or the South African one...)

We especially invite coordinators of conference sessions - but also ANYONE - to consider what could / should be included in the 'book' (ie., not just conference proceedings, reporting on what came out of Visions / ongoing activity / contact people, etc ?) - & volunteers to produce such contributions are hereby urgently solicited ! (Deadline for such is 31 March - but please advise us ASAP if you intend to contribute.) Also, advice re format (eg. colour magazine &/or microfiche &/or BBS computer networks), possible publishers/printers, & distribution, etc. is also welcome.

Noam's talk (+ questions) WAS video & audiotaped(TA V. MUCH TO ALL) (& will be transcribed - any volunteers ?) : copies are available ($30 & $10 - benefits for the Media Room - respectively by mail, & we want to arrange non-exclusive broadcast/exhibition rights). Some other conference sessions were also audio (& video ?) taped, &/or 'minuted' - please advise us if you did any of this, & how we (& others) can access (eg. for community radio, etc.) + can people who produced papers, information, photos, etc. for Visions please send copies to us.

Hopefully copies (audio, video & transcript), of all of Noam's talks, & some of his media events (eg. the 2SER indepth interview - should come out in METRO magazine - c/o Australian Teachers of the Media; the ABC TV's National Press Club, etc.) will also come available (a'tapes of all his talks will be available c/o ABC radio) - again advise us what you need, & what you can offer...

(We've decided NOT to publish a list of all the people who attended Visions ('yes, that "For Office Misuse Only" section ! '- quite a few of you indicated some disquiet at that prospect; & others didn't leave such details anyway!): please advise if you are willing for your name & address details to be included in our next issue (SAQ) - & which areas/issues you're willing to be a contact for. (To receive the next (quarterly) issue , please subscribe ($5 or equivalent in beer, lentils, LETS units, hemp (medicinal only, of course!), diamonds, etc.)

Regards, Peter McG. (5682279)

(*) Other responses to Visions, either too late or too long to include, are available from us on request: namely, from Bob James & Rob Sparrow. Also available are Penny R's extensive notes on the final plenary session & Rose & Chris' interview with Noam.

PS: worth catching at the movies: "QUIZZ SHOW", & "BLUE SKY.

Any Good causes needing $$$?

At the post Visions Conference mtg on 09/02/95 we were discussing what to do with the ~ $7000 left over from the conference. Various suggestions were made, but no agreement was reached, other than to call for submissions (in the anarchist arena), particularly start up projects, and strengthening existing projects.

1.) Anarchist Media Institute's (AMI) anti-election conference

2.) A.M.I debt reduction

3.) Setting up mail order / distrib at Jura

4.) Assistance for The Anarchist paper .

5.) Thea Swifte Anarchist Memorial Fund (to provide financial support for the children & partners of Anarchists who find themselves in difficult situations

6.) Assistance for (Brisbane West-end) Neighbourhood news

comment: This thing charges heaps for ads, it doesn't need any other support.

If anyone is interested in putting forth a proposal for consideration please give details of such, and costing, and names or affiliations of people involved.

Please send details via email or mail to The Media room,

Existing suggestions include (not in any order) (Comments received so far are indicated):

7.) Anarchist Black Cross (prisoner support group)

8.) The anarchist book shops

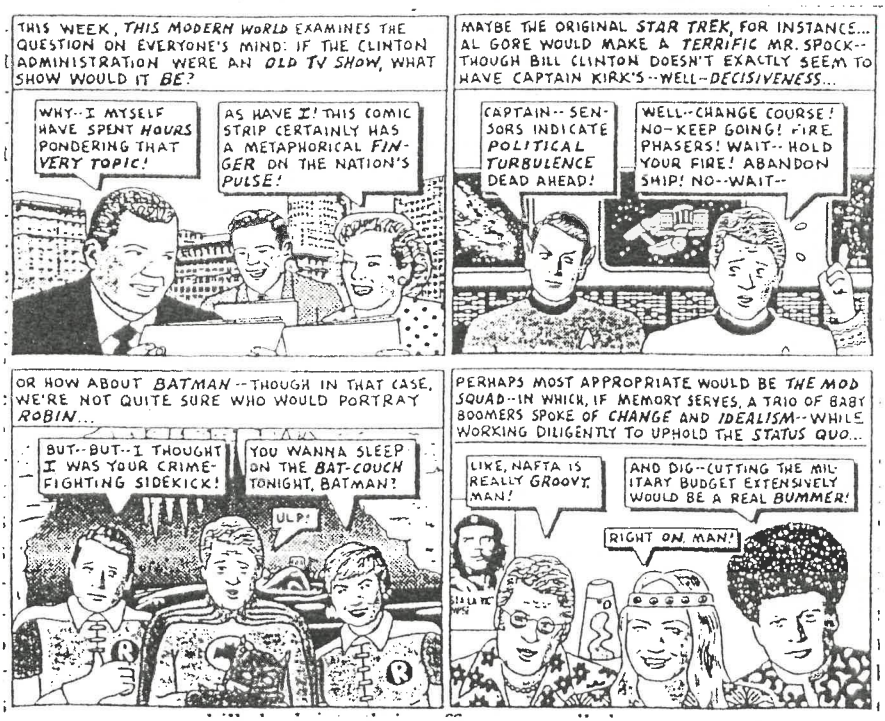
9.) John Z's microfiche project

10.) The Media room (at Sydney)

11.) Anarchist Networking connectivity (see elsewhere for prelim details)

12.) Starter capital for Anarchist booklet publishing, via Brisbane ~$100-$200.

13.) Part sponsorship of research comparing National liberation groups [particularly ETRA (east timor) and Eritrea (Africa).


THIS WEEK, THIS MODERN WORLD EXAMINES THE QUESTION ON EVERYONE'S MIND: IF THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION WERE AN OLD TV SHOW, WHAT SHOW WOULD IT BE?
WHY--I MYSELF HAVE SPENT HOURS PONDERING THAT VERY TOPIC!
AS HAVE I! THIS COMIC STRIP CERTAINLY HAS A METAPHORICAL FINGER ON THE NATION'S PULSE!
MAYBE THE ORIGINAL STAR TREK, FOR INSTANCE... AL GORE WOULD MAKE A TERRIFIC MR. SPOCK--THOUGH BILL CLINTON DOESN'T EXACTLY SEEM TO HAVE CAPTAIN KIRK'S--WELL--DECISIVENESS...
CAPTAIN--SENSORS INDICATE POLITICAL TURBULENCE DEAD AHEAD!
WELL--CHANGE COURSE! NO--KEEP GOING! FIRE PHASERS! WAIT--HOLD YOUR FIRE! ABANDON SHIP! NO--WAIT--
OR HOW ABOUT BATMAN--THOUGH IN THAT CASE, WE'RE NOT QUITE SURE WHO WOULD PORTRAY ROBIN...
BUT--BUT--I THOUGHT I WAS YOUR CRIME-FIGHTING SIDEKICK!
YOU WANNA SLEEP ON THE BAT-COUCH TONIGHT, BATMAN?
ULP!
PERHAPS MOST APPROPRIATE WOULD BE THE MOD SQUAD--IN WHICH, IF MEMORY SERVES, A TRIO OF BABY BOOMERS SPOKE OF CHANGE AND IDEALISM--WHILE WORKING DILIGENTLY TO UPHOLD THE STATUS QUO...
LIKE, NAFTA IS REALLY GROOVY, MAN!
AND DIG--CUTTING THE MILITARY BUDGET EXTENSIVELY WOULD BE A REAL BUMMER!
RIGHT ON, MAN!

Another Editorial

SUCCESS. The ABC intended to suppress Chomsky's National Press Club interview. People at the Sat. night talk were asked to phone / fax the ABC and lobby them to put it on....It went to air, not once, but twice "due to popular demand" GOOD WORK PEOPLE!

Facing many setbacks with Governments and Corporations, we must aim at unity & solidarity amongst ourselves, through seeking common aims. It is impossible to show a better way of life if we emulate politicians & robber barons.

Australia is in the unique position of having both: close ties with all peoples and parts of the world; and being near the forefront of the 'new world order'. In this time we have the opportunity to influence the future *if we don't blow it with inappropriate actions and reactions.*

Letters to this newsletter or current editors are very welcome, as are submissions and graphics (note the dearth of pics!). Where possible email it in plain text, or send a floppy (any IBM or low density Mac are easy), else typed / legible handwriting. Try to keep the length down, 400-500 words fit a page O.K. Also, indicate how you want it attributed..your name, nickname, anon.... and whether you want distribution limited to this paper, other @ publications, or worldwide (Internet).

If you'd like to continue receiving this newsletter, either: a) send a nominal sum (for postage) $5 / $10 / whatever to The Media Room; or b) lobby your local bookshop to get some copies. If you want some extra to hand around, tell us.

Large print edition available.

GOODONYAS Universe-I thanks to those who made the whole conference a success, despite various difficulties leading up to it (see letter to ETRA). Thanks to those who offered constructive criticism. An extra thanks to the session leaders, ta for your insights. Big hand for Alfalfa House food Co-op, & their yummy tucker.

Please...those with tapes of sessions, impressions & your views please send them to us. (I missed 95% of sessions & most of Chomsky's talk!)

Very special care will be taken with this mailing list, but If you don't want to be on it, please advise us. Similarly, if you know of anyone who isn't on it, get them to tell us. It was compiled from the registration forms.

We couldn't include all the submissions received. These will be distributed to all the @ bookshops (Aus / NZ), or mailed to you on request..

* Interview with N.Chomsky re Internet.
* Building a Stakeholder Democracy (paper by Shann Turnbull).
* Report on final plenary by Penny.
* Paper by Rob Sparrow
* Other stuff? & late submissions.

Regards, Doug.

There is a **national @ conference** at Easter in Wellington. the details are not yet confirmed, but people can write to:

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Wellington
New Zealand
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An anarcha-feminist perspective

Organised by an anarchist collective in Sydney, Visions of Freedom in Jan. 1995 held for me the promise of something much more politically relevant than other conferences i have attended over the past few years. Although there were a large number of workshops/presentations scheduled for the weekend, organisers urged participants to set up their own workshops - directly in contrast to the rigid scheduling of sessions in academic, student-based & left conferences. This freedom meant that theoretically there was no one agenda set for the weekend, that it was up to us to create meaningful discussion. Being an anarchist conference, i also hoped that i would not need to do as much sifting & reinterpretation of political ideas, as is so often necesssary at the usual type of conferences, & was looking forward to meeting with a whole heap of activists with a lot of interesting & challenging things to say.

The plenary was opened by a blessing from Monsignor Porca Madonna, presenting a queer mockery of the recent papal visit. Following this, people from various anarchist perspectives spoke, with a short time for questions of each. What became apparent during this opening session was the reluctance of women to ask questions (& this relative silence was evident throughout the weekend). This reluctance had also make it difficult for the organisers to find a woman who would speak about feminism at the plenary. The male speakers for the most part focussed on theoretical & historical analysis of anarchist struggle, the woman who spoke about feminism offered mainly anecdotes & personal stories. Although i value & think necessary the subjective experience of women as political, in this context it seemed that the *real* anarchist politics was the domain of men, & that women's political experience & analysis was not taken as seriously, was marginalised & not placed as central to debate.

The Anarchy & Feminism workshop on the Saturday afternoon was one of the most well-attended workshops of the weekend - with over 100 people in the room a lot of our time was actually taken up with working out how to get the most out of it. By the time we broke up into small groups we had half an hour for discussion, then 20 mins to report back to the larger group. Not long. The number of people & the range of topics - pornography & sex work, violence & militarism, direct action, essentialism & structures, racism, feminist responses to the state & media representations - suggested that this workshop was merely a starting point, a means of finding common interest. It also shows that we shouldn't be letting feminist politics be seen as only vaguely relevant to anarchism, as a single issue, a women's issue. Many feminist concerns are absolutely central to the anarchist struggle, & challenge & inform the way we actually perceive anarchism.

Queer visibility at the conference was often in contradictory ways. The organisers recognised queers within anarchism from the beginning, with the opening blessing & a speaker from the Sisters of the Order of Perpetual Indulgence on the links between gay struggle & anarchism. However, this

was undermined throughout the weekend by other participants - s / m was referred to several times in the context of violence, homophobic material was circulated & when it was removed notions of censorship & freedom of speech were invoked, leading us to question just who exactly is free to speak, it seems to help if you are a white heterosexual male. In the queer workshop we also had the same problem of not enough time to discuss all the things that came up - isolation within anarchism, critique of mainstream heterosexuality, critique of mainstream homocapitalism, coalition politics, direct action & ideas for change.

Throughout the weekend, i spoke to many women who were frustrated & angry at how they were being treated in workshops & how their politics were belittled or dismissed. The predominantly white men at the conference seemed to think that by taking on the label anarchism that they have magically transcended the racial, gender & sexual prejudices that are in our society, that a commitment to the politics of anarchism automatically justifies their behaviour. They are ready to point out the injustices of mainstream society, but unable to see when they are reinforcing the same inequalities. Working towards eradicating such prejudices means more than paying lip service to concepts of autonomy & equality, considering that some groups have more access to getting freedom than others. Even in the Anarchy & Feminism workshop, the one workshop that placed women as central to discussion, men were unable to restrain themselves from trying to dominate & undermine discussion.

If as anarchists we are serious in our challenge of authority, hierarchy & violence, then we need to recognise the very complex ways in which power is exercised in our society. The hierarchy is systematic & multifaceted, & is not changed by adhering to a code of so-called revolutionary politics that repeatedly excludes the experience of & refuses to be open to challenge from the other. At the same time, i think that if women had been better organised before the conference we would have had more of a chance ofdirecting debate in relevant & useful ways. If we had felt more confident about challenging the male domain & had been stronger as a group, then it wouldn't have been left to a few brave individuals to put themselves on the line. Quite a few women said to me that they would have liked to have seen more workshops organised by feminists & queers, but seemed unwilling to organise them & i wonder why this is the case. Sadly i feel that sometimes it is easier to complain about what is offered to us than to create what it is we really want.

Overall, i feel that most of what I learnt & valued over the weekend were the conversations outside of the conference itself. I met a lot of impassioned & inspiring women (& a couple of men) & had some really challenging discussions. I am also aware of just how much preparation i want to do before the next one so that i am a lot clearer about what i want to get out of it, & how that might be done.

NICKI (8/2/'95)

@ NET The global village.

The Internet is all the rage at the moment, doubling each year. Providing fast & convenient mail & discussion groups (usenet) on a huge variety of topics. ~4000 groups come into Aust. It has been the communication tool for researchers & academics for years, Jack & Jill worker can now hook in.

Eg. A call went out at Chomsky's Sat nite talk for instant action. (ABC supressing an interview, due to air the following Mon). Jed posted the details to the Chomsky discussion group early on the Sun, giving Australia & the World the opportunity to lobby the ABC. (see success)

It is the goal of @ folk in Adelaide, Melb, Syd, Eden, Newcastle, Bris & Darwin to use / provide Xtra cheap access, and to facilitate the more alternative discussions.

We really want to get people talking (typing.. ☺) Our experiences, opinions and theories are valuable to the world; the world has stuff for us. I'm researching service providers at the moment, looking for the most appropriate solutions for folks around Oz. Contact us (net c/- Media Room) for an info kit. Give details of your needs / equipment & location.

I have looked into 1 900 toll free details, but seems too expensive at the moment (STD seems cheaper). There's one in Melbourne doing toll free at $100 per annum + $1 per hour outside Melb.

Folks in Melbourne & Brisbane can arrange access with the existing BBS's, mid / late March? for Syd. Bris has walk in access available at Holus Bolus to their BBS / Internet.

The Xchange BBS 03-383 3094.

Byte back BBS 07-217 2018

A cool BBS is:
The Waiting Room 026288357.

THE MEDIA ROOM REPORT.

A influx of people & energy after the conference has people intending to produce 'zines here, and computer / net experts with valued experience joining the collective.

We're getting another phone line, real soon now, so the BBS will be 24 hour operation. Our email address will be changing after 31st March, possibly replace 'sysx' with 'cat', still looking into best option. Had some hassles with hardware blowing up, a harddrive and 2 monitors ⇨ c'est la vie. The harddrive gave warning, a replacement was obtained in time to not lose anything.

Access: After an intro to the system, you can use the equip anytime the shop is open (see Jura report), though preference is given to folks who've booked ahead. If you need assistance other times can be arranged with members of the collective. ☺

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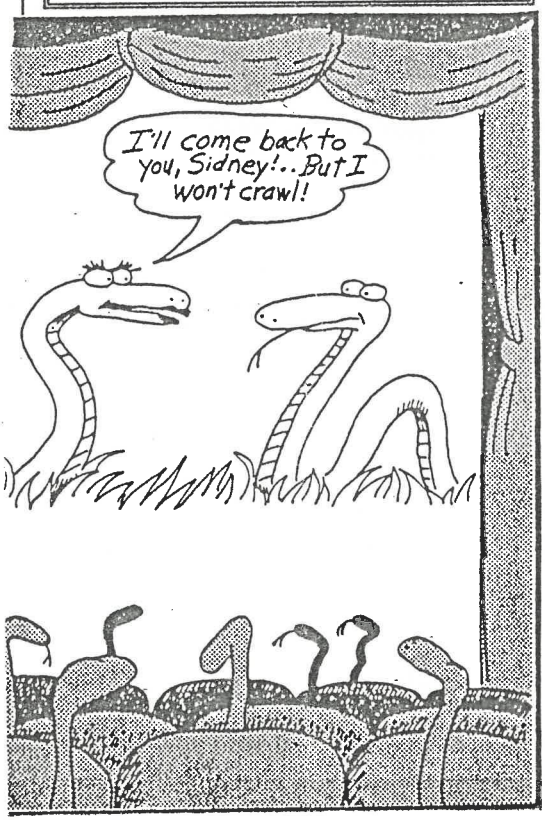

Having an **interview** with **Noam Chomsky** during his recent visit for the Visions of Freedom Conference was my first social introduction to Sydney Anarchists and what they are doing and thinking. I met Rosie Cross and Professor Noam at 2SER's Ultimo studios at 9:30am on a Saturday and talked to this reknowned political activist and thinker for about half an hour. For the rest of the weekend I spent my time talking to people about information technology and specifically it's anarchistic prospects.

Despite Chomsky's unwillingness to let drop his characteristic cynicism about the likely futures of our present world of corporate technological institutions, and other corporate sponsors like the US Military, he did acknowledge the vital role of computer networks in the social networking and knowledge distribution activities of all political dissidents globally. Sydney Anarchists and indeed lefty- types worldwide are learning this very rapidly. There is immense potential power in the ability to communicate unfettered and create social spaces, just as much power, it seems, as large profit-mongers wield daily in the western world. The trick is always participation, and armed with a little technical knowledge, many users of the ever hyperreal INTERNET are finding that through computers, desktop geektoys, the means of organizing disempowered groups into effective international organizations is attained with the push of a button.

Chomsky emphasised that it would, as might be expected, be 99% hard work to effect the present mass media power with alternative and independant information systems, and perhaps the remaining 1% is the power of the machines themselves. There is considerable debate on the internet discussion groups (usenet news) about whether there is some inherent democratic nature to the decentralised structure of the net, but it is obvious that we will have to watch the media and computer corporations, and their effects on government very closely and act now to inform people and get them involved.

While it is true that the internet is, or has been fairly exclusively restricted to a quite elite group of the global population, this is changing rapidly. The Media Room is working to provide information, equipment and access to such facilities for negligable cost. At the conference I spoke to a woman whose opening words to me as I stood beside a PC were that she was ideologically opposed to such stuff. "The technology is a tool of the middle class", she told me. My instinctive reply was "Well learn to use the thing and it can be a tool of yours too!"

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In spite of a few hiccups our conference was a great event, at least for me who was starting to despair about the prospect of anarchy ever happening in Australia and the rest of the world. I had gloomy thoughts such as me being a kind of freak dreaming of a crazy future that would only happen in some 10,000 years, after a species mutation! Of course I realise that we are still a small bunch of more or less (rather less!) organised "realist dreamers" but (and that's where I totally agree with Joe Toscano and Ann Fahey) were we to organise I feel that millions would take up our ideals.

What a great and lovely bunch though! For two days a group of about 400 people, so diverse as to gather old anarchos, young anarcho-punks, Christian anarchists, gays, lesbians, straights, workers, unemployed, intellectuals, city dwellers and country folks, managed to hold a conference, discuss and co-operate, without any inspired leaders, general secretaries and other types of bureaucrat. Although there was some heated arguments about homophobia, free speech and female/male relationships, the main impression was of great tolerance and friendship. Yet that tolerance, that ability to accommodate so many shades should be cultivated. The hell with sectarianism and exclusivism! Anarchy is about celebrating diversity, about painting a master-piece, that is an harmonious society based on the three principles, bastardised by the French Republic, yet so true when you study their implications: Liberty, Equality, Fraternity! Our rasta-anarcho-Christian friend taught us a lesson about tolerance, forgiveness, compassion... and humour! God bless him, I would say, if I could believe in such a concept. Who gives a Fuck about what motivates one's ideal of liberty, equality, fraternity if it is genuine and leads to anarchistic behaviours! I found our two feminist sisters speaking aggressively on behalf of all women (sic) and categorising all men as homophobic and sexist were lacking in tolerance, gentleness and humour. Of course we are all more or less fucked up by the system of domination in which we've been living for aeons, but please let's show a bit of understanding towards each other. Being rather shy, when confronted with such intellectual terrorism, I tend to shut up and I know I was not the only person, male and female, to feel that way. The hell with guilt trips and the likes! Our trip is about love too (fraternity), and anarchy, without it, is but a pipe dream. I was not too impressed by the Chomsky talk and the cult of the intellectual visionary that still exists in some of us: "Chomsky says this, Chomsky says that..." Often enough ordinary anarchist folks say the same fucking things with simpler words, and the young guy with the punk style chairing the last session expressed it pretty well when he exclaimed that for him "anarchy meant being able to do 100% of his thinking". Good on him! Had I thought that way when I was his age I would not have spent ten years deluding myself and some other folks in the French communist party! I still did not get what was the problem between the Brisbane and Melbourne anarchos about organising the next conference. I hope it's not because of a kind of petty "town chauvinism" which would be rather lamentable. It sounded a bit like chauvinist sooccer teams identifying with a geographical structure. If we want an anarchist society we'd better get rid of these stupid rivalries for good. I would have liked to see more

interaction with the young anarcho-punks (or whatever they call themselves) as I feel they represent (I would prefer an other word but can't find it) the most oppressed community of people today in the western world: homeless youth living in cardboard boxes and the likes. I believe their rebellion could trigger a revolutionary situation here, in Europe and the States, and that's when I come back to the Melbourne groups which vision I share: if we are not organised, and ready to talk to the common folks, (workers, non workers, farmers etc) all across the board, when this situation happens, we won't be prepared to deal with it and we will see the opportunity for an anarchist society turning into barbarism or hijacked by the authoritarian greens which I regard (rightly or wrongly) as the new Bolsheviks of the end of this century. We just have to look at their structures, how they have gradually abandoned anarchistic principles, and their bid for power (the very fucking thing we want to do away with!). Some people believe History does not repeat itself; I believe it does, and I think that, short of seriously organising ourselves, we might well see pretty soon an other more or less bloody revolution that will change nothing about oppression but give us new masters.

Vive l'Anarchie!

Thierry

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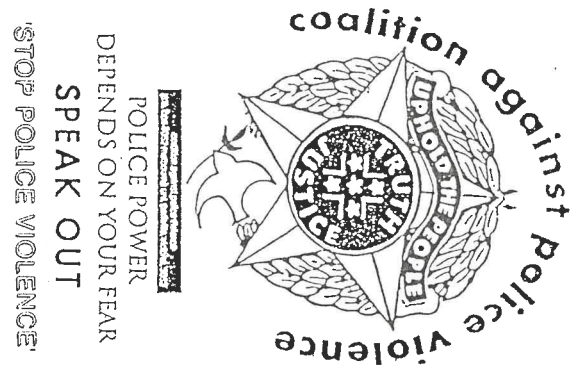


The Revolution Begins at Home!

With over 20 workshops and panels, an introductory session and feisty plenary, the Visions of Freedom conference offered one glimpse of the anarchist movement today. One glimpse. The absences are instructive given that the participants were overwhelmingly Anglo-Australian, speakers mostly male, topics often reflective of a public/private divide and many venues formal if not hierarchical. Such organisation suggests that our struggle is as much against an internalised dominant culture as against external hierarchy. Yet this need to constantly work on ourselves; to realise the personal is political; to examine our communication skills and affect on others in all group work is sometimes given a backseat to 'great debates' and grandstanding.

For me, anarchism recognises a multiplicity of oppressions and fields in which they operate. I see a key premise of anarchism as that, firstly, we are all capable of oppression and a measure of self-determination regardless of our disadvantages and, secondly, we take responsibility for it. That means recognising that we sometimes have blinkered vision and insensitivities through lack of experience, knowledge, through vested interests and cultural blind-spots. This ability to reflect can be dulled when we act or think in aggressive, competitive and egocentric ways - the kind of behaviour that arose in some of the workshops I attended.

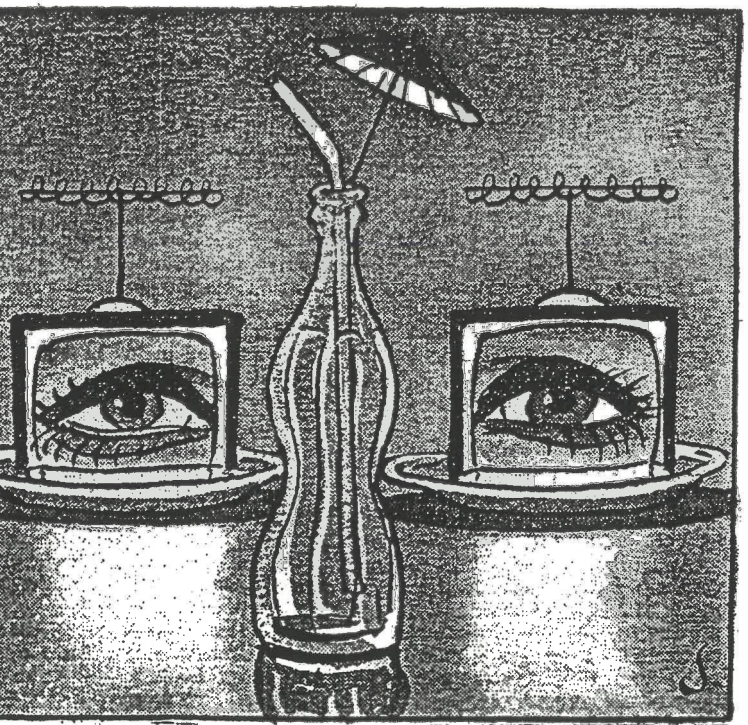
A case in point was the Sunday afternoon session on Militarism, Non-violence and Social defence. It was set in a lecture theatre, with three white male speakers at the front - one a self-proclaimed 'expert' on partisan armies - who presided over the 'audience'. Gender-blindness became evident fairly early, with one panel member dismissing a question on violence against women and children as "personal" and inconsistent with the topic of "organised, mass violence". With this cavalier dismissal of feminist concerns and the formal atmosphere, it was hardly surprising that almost all of the responses came from men.

When one woman spoke out against this marginalisation, delegitimation and trivialisation of violence against women and children, two men dismissed her or ran her down. One arrogantly asserted that 'personal' violence was not a problem in libertarian communities and another tokenistically said that he "totally agreed" with her concerns, but said she had no right to make the same point in two workshops. Small surprise that in the plenary she discarded her anarchist badge and angrily condemned the lack of self-criticism

. I would like to stand beside her criticism, and I know other committed anarcho-feminists who also wondered at times why they were there. For me, feminism is anarchism. Small, consensus-based affinity groups and collectives and open learning are critical to my personal empowerment; the abolition of authority critical to break the silence; the abolition of institutions of masculinist culture integral to my free expression, resources and mobility. To quote the Zero Collective: "Feminism, in fighting against patriarchy means fighting all hierarchy, all leadership, all governments and the very idea of authority itself. It sees politics as not only being out there but in our minds and relationships too"[1].

I took great offence at the comment that social violence is not organised or mass, and that libertarian lefties don't do it. In my family life the emotional, financial and physical violence was very systematic. In my experience violence against children and women is common and ignores social delineations because it's part of a wider patriarchal culture. Blinkered vision is no excuse for ignoring it. As the famous feminist poster of Marx and the anonymous housewife says: 'The revolution begins at home!'

I would like to thank that woman for speaking out and thank the group who reported back from the workshop on Lesbian, Gay and Transgender politics for telling it like it is I thought it was a great pity that all these issues were not discussed at the end of the report back. I gained a great deal from the diversity of ideas and experiences discussed at the conference and I would like to thank the people



who went to all the thought and effort to make it really worthwhile. But I also think we all should reflect on our organisation

As Christie has mentioned, there was a distinct lack of Koori people, apart from the workshop on self-determination and anti-imperialist struggles. She suggested we ask ourselves why? I would like to take up that point, because in my personal experience and in my cultural studies some of the best examples of anarchist organisation that I have come across in this country have been in Aboriginal communities. I'm talking about the establishment of Australia's first women's refuge, first free legal centre, first free health centre[2] and collective practice and principle in townships like Mt Kelly near Alice Springs[3] and in urban communities[4].

Although I am not aware how the Visions of Freedom Collective approached Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders, I think it is important that people we would like to be involved are in, or counselling, the collective from day one. The experience of last year's International Feminist Book Fair in Melbourne suggests that if you want Koori people to attend and speak at any conference Kooris need to have real input into the whole process - which means shaping the structure, mailing lists, speakers and forums.

I think future gatherings or conferences would have more impact if there were fewer competing topics - perhaps the conference could be extended for another day, which would mean notifying people way in advance or organising it for a public holiday. Personally, I found it painful to choose between workshops on Feminism; Self-determination; and Ecology. In the future I would like to see more workshops on communication skills, with workshops rather than formal panels and formal venues, and smaller groups which can be less intimidating and that better acknowledge speakers as individuals. Examining our language and methods of communicating can also offer insights into underlying attitudes or cultural norms - like the competitive, conquering, selfish sense in which the word 'fuck' was used by several speakers in the plenary session. Collective work and individual and grass roots issues are part of the anarchist philosophy, if not culture, and I think they should be at the centre of anarchist discussions.

- Penny from Melbourne.

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Beyond the goal of (national) self-determination, & towards the vision of human liberation
(" ...towards visions of futures that are both attainable & sustainable..." Noam Chomsky)

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE EAST TIMOR RELIEF ASSOCIATION (ETRA) RE CHOMSKY'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA

One of the fundamental theses of anarchism is the interaction - the interdependence - of means & ends - that the ways in which you struggle for freedom, will condition the kinds of freedom, that you will develop & establish.

From the early stages of the planning for Chomsky's visit, Visions of Freedom (VoF) argued for a broadly based campaign for each of the events that would constitute his visit.

With particular reference to the dominant East Timor rationale for his visit, we believe ETRA/ CNRM (National Council for Maubere Resistance), as the group whose specific invitation had precipitated Noam's visit, failed to undertake or allow such a campaign. Thus ETRA limited the impact that Noam's presence may otherwise have had upon the East Timor struggle itself: a struggle not just for self-determination, but for freedom & equality. Furthermore, ETRA's reticence to collaborate with organisers of Noam's non-East Timor-specific activities hindered both those activities, & the visibility of the composite picture of Noam's visit.

Not only were other East Timor groups only minimally involved in the 'tour' that ETRA organised, but the opportunity to broaden the East Timor struggle by engaging other social justice activists & Chomsky supporters, was hardly explored. And the opportunity for similar struggles to support & complement each other - for internationalism - was lost.

Visions of Freedom continually offered support, though by no means uncritically, to ETRA. We lobbied others to support Noam's visit, & specifically his East Timor activities. We disseminated his publications on East Timor, we pasted up ETRA's Friday nite posters, and included the East Timor rationale for Noam's visit in our own publicity. We offered to share net profits from Noam's anarchist talk with East Timor via ETRA, as the group with which Noam was working. We received

little acknowledgement or thanks (for instance see ETRA's Friday nite program), but rather an increasing lack of cooperation, & obstruction of access to Noam. We were only able to discuss Noam's 7.30 pm Sat. nite talk with him at 7.20 pm that nite...

Fortunately for all of us Noam's grace & generosity enabled some of the difficulties arising from ETRA's territorial control of him to be transcended. This territoriality was epitomised in Noam's Friday nite Sydney Town Hall event; not only was the main banner on the stage a parochial one binding Noam to only one of the East Timor independence groups, but representatives of other significant East Timor independence groups weren't invited on-stage to welcome & meet Noam.

Public interest in Noam's thought & activity proved - as we & others predicted - to be enormous, AND grew cumulatively as one event led on to another.

If ETRA had been willing to take the risk of open, egalitarian collaboration with supporters of Noam's diverse interests, perhaps there could have been a huge week-long teach-in on human liberation; with emphasis upon the East Timor struggle, but in a broader context than mere national self-determination.

We all remember how Indonesia gained its independence in 1949, as did Viet Nam in 1975, as did the USA in 1776, & as has South Africa most recently. Supporters of mere self-determination for East Timor (& for Bougainville, & West Papua, etc.), should seriously examine the nature of those other struggles, & the legacies they have left in the nation states to which they have given birth. We as anarchists defend the East Timorese in their struggle against Indonesian colonialism, but we emphasise the need to examine the nature, the form & the content, of the resistance, & in particular the organisations that have come to represent the people of East Timor.

We hereby present ETRA with $ 4,500 ,
half of the net profits of Noam's anarchist talk.

Given ETRA's status as a Non-Governmental Aid Organisation, we would like this money to be spent, on the ground in East Timor, providing material assistance to those suffering under & resisting the Indonesian occupation.

Visions of Freedom 9 February, 1995

(c/o 110 Crystal St., Petersham, 2049 Tel: 5682279)

ANARCHIST AGE WEEKLY REVIEW

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An Anarchist Society is a voluntary non-hierarchical society based on the creation of social and political structures which allow all people equal decision making power and equal access to society's wealth.

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VISIONS OF FREEDOM CONFERENCE/SYDNEY

Over 400 anarchists from all over Australia participated in the Visions of Freedom Conference in Sydney last weekend. Participants not only came from the major urban centres and the country, but they included people from all generations and from all walks of life. Women almost outnumbered men and old faces were swamped by a sea of new people.

The overwhelming theme at the conference was the need for organisation. Many participants still felt and believed that issue oriented politics was the way forward. Many of the tensions at past conferences were forgotten and many people felt that now was the time to come out and identify as an anarchist. Anarchism was seen as a positive growing movement, a political, social and cultural movement whose time had come.

The plenary session on Saturday morning wa followed by a series of talks and workshops o Saturday afternoon that covered theoretical as well a practical subjects. Many of the participants joine the 2000 people who turned up at Sydney Tow Hall on Saturday evening to hear Noam Chomsk talk about Visions of Freedom. The Sunda morning workshops started a little slowly but mor and more people turned up as the day progressed The afternoon plenary session on Sunday wa divided between reports on the various sessions an a discussion about the next conference and way people can co-operate and help the movement grow

In many ways the most important part of the whol conference/festival was not what was said and wha is going to be done, but what contacts people were able to make. Many participants not only sav

from their own States and from interstate who they had not meet before. For me the personal contacts that were made were much more important than the content of the conference/festival. The content itself was patchy and in many cases reflected a genuine confusion about principles and practices of anarchism.

Some people left the conference not only confused but disappointed that no federation of anarchist groups was formed. I believe it's wrong to believe that an open general conference is the forum where you can form federations of groups. Obviously such a conference is more an education medium than an organizational medium. I think most participants came away thinking that they belong to a growing culture of non-authoritarian change that is becoming an important part of the Australian landscape. They no longer feel isolated and now believe that an anarchist society is not only desirable, but possible if we as individuals and groups continue to educate, organize and open up contacts and form associations and federations with other like minded people in this country and overseas.

CHOMSKY - THE VISION ANARCHISM - THE REALITY PERMANENT PROTEST

Chomsky is one of a few intellectuals post World War Two who has used anarchist ideas to try to make sense of the world. His contributions to philosophy and political theory has become more popular with the collapse of communism. All over the world many people believe that he not only has shown the limitations of capitalism but he has shown the way forward. Unfortunately although Chomsky has provided an invaluable service in analyzing modern capitalism his ideas on how to make anarchism into a reality has resulted in a whole generation of activists embarking on a 1950's permanent protest trail.

Although Chomsky sees the Vision as Anarchism, his reality is rooted in a tradition of permanent protest. He does not believe that egalitarian revolutionary change is possible and he spends most of his time supporting the efforts of national liberation movements all over the world. His current visit to Australia has all but for a day been taken up with actions and talks and conferences that support the national liberation struggle in East Timor. Even his talk of the Sydney Town Hall on Saturday night on Visions of Freedom revolved around the impossibility of radical egalitarian social change today.

For many anarchists Chomsky's visit is a great disappointment, although thousands flock to his lectures and seminars, few are ever told or realize that Chomsky uses anarchist ideas to flesh out his analysis. This seems to be more Chomsky's fault than the fault of the organizers of his trip. I have always said that Chomsky has been able to help people gain insight into the workings of capitalism especially U.S. capitalism, but he has not articulated or shown a way to make the vision a reality.

As anarchists we should be involved in activities that encourage human liberation not national liberation, we should also understand that it's important not to only have a vision and a goal but that we should have shouldn't continue to support other peoples struggles, unless they encourage the struggle for human freedom and equality. It's all very well jumping up and down at every overseas struggle, but unless we are willing to organize and become involved in actions and struggles that do not just chip away at the edifice of capitalism, we will be destined to continue to support campaigns and struggles that do not include our Visions of Freedom. By all means listen to Chomsky and read Chomsky's books, but when you decide that you want to translate your vision into reality don't follow the permanent protest path that Chomsky has chosen to follow.

ANARCHIST QUESTION AND ANSWER

Q. Do Anarchists believe in censorship?

A. On of the sights I will never forget is listening to a participant in the Visions of Freedom final plenary session on Sunday in Sydney call for censorship because a leaflet that was doing the rounds showed a cartoon of Gareth Evans the foreign minister being fucked anally and an analogy was been drawn between this and what he was doing to East Timor. This participant found it offensive because the cartoon denigrated his sexual preferences. As he was calling for censorship of the offending leaflet you couldn't help noticing he was wearing a T-shirt that would have been offensive to billions of people. He had a T-shirt with the words CHRIST CUMMING and in between the words was a large picture of Jesus Christ with a erect penis. Obviously this man would have found it offensive if somebody tried to censor his T-shirt. I found both images unsettling and offensive, but as an anarchist I believe both pieces of material should not be censored. As soon as you start censoring one piece of material you then lay the groundwork to censor all those who do not agree with you. Both parties have a right to display the material and both should be willing to take the consequences for the material they produce and display.

ACTION BOX

COME OUT OF THE CLOSET

If the Visions of Freedom Conference/Festival in Sydney did one thing it encouraged people in the Anarchist community to come out of the closet and identify as Anarchists. As anarchists ideas become more well known and an anarchist culture is developed, it's important that more and more people from different walks of life identify as anarchists. As long as we continue to describe ourselves by using other terms, it will be difficult to create a climate where anarchist ideas are taken seriously. We encourage our readers to think carefully about coming out of the closet and joining the growing anarchist movement in Australia.

NATIONAL ANARCHIST ANTI-ELECTORAL CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP TO BE HELD IN MELBOURNE JULY (~~DATE TO BE FIXED~~) 22-23 HOSTED BY LIBERTARIAN WORKERS FOR A SELF-MANAGED SOCIETY
EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

BLACK ROSE REPORT

HI, BRETT HERE FROM BLACK ROSE BOOKSHOP GIVING YOU THE LOWDOWN ON THE SHOP. Well things have quietened down a little since Noam Chomsky's visit which created a manic fortnight of hype and activity around the shop, which has had the positive effect of heaps of people becoming aware of Black Rose, as well as heaps of interest in anarchism & not to mention a much needed awareness of what's happening in East Timor & Australia's foreign policy.

Recently we've had problems with our landlord & the possibility of eviction but this situation 'seems' to have been avoided by an increase in our rent, which means we will have to look into other ways of raising our rent money which might have to include a slight increase in our mark-up. More on this as things become clearer.

Other news ? Well the collective has quite a healthy number at the moment but we're always keen to encourage people to get involved. We have quite a bit of new stock expected soon, including a huge book order from Left Bank (USA) & records from Southern Studions as well as the regular stuff from Spiral Objective. In stock at the moment we have the (almost) entire writings of Noam Chomsky :-

Culture of terrorism	$22.25
On Power & Ideology	$15.60
Terrorizing the Neighbourhood	$7.60
Deterring Democracy	$14.00
The Chomsky Reader	$26.50
The Prosperous Few & Restless Many	$7.80
What Uncle Sam really wants	$7.80
Secrects, Lies & Democracy	$7.80
Manufacturing Consent (new cheaper edition)	$11.30
Year 501	$22.50
Rethinking Camelot	$20.95

Well that's it for the Wonderful world of anarchism, till the next time
Brett, on behalf of the collective.

JURA BOOKS NEWS

Welcome all, As of this day, not too much to report mainly due to the conference & everything.

We did take a substantial sum through book stall sales at the conf., before & after as well. People would generally buy a book or something while getting tickets. So, of course we have had to replenish this sold stock & have some really great titles coming in soon. And lots of them too !

We are going quite well regarding the building loan. Thanks to all who have helped; our latest helper / addition is Rhondda, who is doing Friday shifts at the shop. We open generally M-W 11-5, Th 5-7 Fr 11-5 & Sat 11-4 (ring first ed.) Hope to see you in sometime.

Until then, peace & anarchy Haron, JURA collective.

New Arrivals * Similiar stock (& prices) to Black Rose of Chomsky

* Easy Guide to Growing Dope (reprint of Simply Living's banned article)	$2
* Virgintooth M.Ivanhoe (fiction similiar vein to Last Days of Christ Vampire)	$6.95
* Decline & Fall of American Empire G. Vidal	$7.80
Periodicals / Journals in stock	
Z mag (Nov & Dec)	$5
Angry People	$1
Rebel Worker	$0.50
Sparks Donation	
Gloat	free
Let it grow (HEMP) Calender 1995	$5
Jump Cut	$6
Kick It Over	$3.60
The Match	$4
Hemp	free
Searchlight	$3

DEMOCRACY: TWO WOLVES AND A SHEEP VOTING ON WHAT'S FOR DINNER

Anti-woodchip blockaders at the stock exchange 24/01/95.

A group of about thirty forest activists held an action at the Sydney stock exchange today. It coincided with the stock exchange's open day.

The "stump truck" parked right outside the front doors of the stock exchange. A tripod was put up and one of the activists sat on the top. Banners were hung up and laid in the road (which was closed off for the open day) and a table of information and petitions was set up.

The "stump truck" has two massive tree stumps on the back of it, which were taken from a logging site after being left as waste. They big enough that it would take four or five people holding hands to encircle them. These stumps have been touring round New South Wales and southern Queensland recently and have created quite a stir wherever they've gone. Most people are unfamiliar with the forests that are being destroyed in Australia and they're quite shocked when they get an idea of the size of the trees. These stumps, though, weren't the biggest ones in the forest, but the larger ones wouldn't fit on the truck.

The main focus of the action was Boral - a company which is responsible for large-scale destruction of the old growth forest in Australia. The primary focus of their destructive activity is the production of wood chips which are exported at the giveaway price of around $A50 a ton to Japan. Australia then buys back some of these wood chips in the form of paper for over $1000 a ton.

Fortunately for us - not Boral - they had a stall right outside the stock exchange, right next to where the stump truck, the tripod and the banners were. It must have been rather embarasing for them to have to try and sell their company with us there showing clearly how disgustingly destructive they are.

Hundreds of people showed a lot of interest in what we were doing and one elderly ex-Boral shareholder told us she'd been over to the Boral stall and given them a hard time about the way they're destroying the planet. The interest of the lunch-time crowd in our little circus added greatly to the number of people who had a good look at the solid evidence of the irresponsible massacre of our ancient trees.

Early on, a couple of police came along and had a look. They said we had just as much right to be there as anyone else and went away again! All in all, it was quite a pleasant and effective day's action. And a day the Sydney stock exchange won't forget for a while!

Will.

ANARCHISTS LOVE TO ARGUE

Anarchists love to argue especially with each other. Sometimes it is necessary and often productive. Difference of opinion, however, must not stop us from working towards a common goal.

There have been many splits in almost every anarchist group at some time. When a group becomes unmanageable due to size or differing ideologies and/or methods it is necessary to form new groups. In an anarchist society I would hope that there would be many differences of opinion. Some we will want to work with and some against. It is important that we learn to live with this now.

Not everyone sees Anarcho-Syndicalism as the answer. Not everyone thinks the environment is the key issue. Certainly not everyone thinks that the Greens have the answer. But all these different groups have their place. Sometimes we can even work together!

Some anarchists prefer to work alone and others are active in non-anarchist groups, hopefully trying to spread the word. The point is that all these groups are community based and working to change their own little part of the world. This is how I foresee an anarchist society but these groups must interact and do so in a non-hierarcical fashion. Kamala.

Visions of Freedom - Balances

	(Estimated) In				/ Out		
__350 conf	100	at $30	=	$3000	Town Hall	=	$2500
	250	at $10	=	$2500	Uni Syd (Merew)	=	$900
1700 Noam	500	at $10	=	$5000	SMH ad	=	$650
	1200	at $5	=	$6000	"The @"	=	$300
Total			=	$16,500	Video gear	=	$230
donations (ta v much)			=	$920	phones (3 at $200 ea)	=	$600
Total			=	$17,420	Printing	=	$200
					(Other) publicity + miscellany	=	$150
					Golden Ox	=	$250
					Total	=	$5780
				Balance =		**$11,640**	

Other Loans = $3650 (ta v. much - all repaid)

Splitting the net Town Hall takings ($9,000) with ETRA gives $7,140 ($11,640 - $4500)

Peter McGregor 12 February 1995

" YOU WERE THERE AT THE TOWN HALL / MEREWETHER ?
YOU'VE HEARD THE SOUNDTRACK ?
& SEEN THE VIDEO ?

NOW HELP US MAKE THE BOOK !"

VISIONS OF FREEDOM

Contributions are hereby solicited: papers, poems, photos, artwroks, cartoons, etc.
Deadline 31 March 1995
(Do advise us ASAP if you intend to contribute.)
c/o Visions of Freedom, 110 Crystal St., Petersham,2049;ph(02)5646413; email medi@sysx.apana.org.au

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THE LAW IS AN ASS!!

We'll huff & we'll puff & we'll blow these laws down!

medi@ netweb

zines poems radio graffiti computers posters video stories music...

Folks at the indie media session of the VoF decided that it would be a good idea, if we could stay in touch.
Names and info written down on the list that was passed around are being turned into a data base, or netweb, by the medi@ room collective.

Here's an example netweb listing, showing all the bits of info that you could fill in. Also shown are all the names of those who responded at the conference.

Prefix	Name	Address
Radio Mob	3CR	21 Smith St, Collingwood

State	Postal Code	Country	Work Phone
VIC	3066	Aust	(03) 419 8377

Home Phone	Mobile Phone	Fax Number

Email Name	Note
	Melbourne's coolest community radio

We want this netweb to be a usefull public access document, up to date, and published in the VoF book. So we're asking you all; do you want to be on a public data base, did you supply full and up to date info (a short comment at the end helps us all to contact those with specific interests), and if you're not on the web and want to be, get in touch soon. Cya :) johnf for the media room collective.

community access teknowledgy
the media room project
rear 110 Crystal St. Petersham 2049
564 6413, medi@sysx.apana.org.au

Prefix	Name
Radio Mob	3CR
print/computer	Alex Markham
computer bod	Alistair Air
Mob	Anarchist Media Inst.
Computer bod	Andrew Ure
Radio Bod	Brendan Greenhill
Radio Bod	Bret
PRINT BOD	Brian Lever
computer bod	Brian Martin
Computer mob	Brisbane @ Computer K
Radio Mobs	CBAA Community B'cast
computer bod	Chris Mountford
Radio bod	Colleen Roche
Radio Bod	Dimitris Troaditis
computer bod	Doug Woodgate
...etc	Emma King
	Gary Gromb
	Gary Shleimann
	Glynn Kennedy
	John Jacobs
	Kathy Grattan
	Leo Loomans
	Marcus Westbury
	Marion Conron
	Max Bourke
	Meredith Williams .
	Michael Elby
	Michael Vaux
	Monique Potts
	Nadine Behan
	Nathan Summers
	Oscar
	Peter Strong
	Phillip Baxter
	Radio Skid Row
	RMITV/CH31
	Rob J
	Robert Heathwood
	Rosie X
	Simon
	Simon C
	Stella Simmering
	Steve Charman
	Steve Roper
	SUUWA
	Tess Corino
	The Anarchist
	Wanda

in soon. And lots of them too!

Angry People

$1

Alfalfa House
Food Co-op; 519 3374,
No chemicals, packaging or profit,
113 Enmore Rd Enmore ,

Wot's Om

* Big Bush Bugarup: PNG Forest Activists 1995 Tour of OZ : -
Canberra Feb. 26 - Mar.1 (TWS 06 2575122)
Sydney Mar 2 - 7 (SRAG 2612104)
Public Meeting, Glebe Town Hall, 6 pm Sun. Mar. 5
Big Bush Sonik Bash, Harbourside Brasserie, Mon. Mar.6

* No Urban Freeways - Blockade the M2 - call ROADBUSTERS 041 119 1398

* ANARCHIST POW WOW Sun 19 Mar. Noon, 35 Dickson St., Newtown

* ANARCHIST Conference, NZ(Aotearoa)... (you've just missed their anarcha-feminist one - 17-18 Feb.)

* 'Thoughts on Goals & Visions' - Noam's anarchist talk at the Sydney Town Hall - Premiere Screening of the Video ...(tba)

* National Anarchist Anti-Electoral Conference/Workshop - hosted by Libertarian Workers for a Self-Managed Society - Melbourne, July 22-23 (monthly newsletter available) P.O. Box 20, Parkville, 3052

*Community Aid Abroad's Walk Against Want, Sun 26 Mar. 2641399

* National Day of Action on East Timor, Sat 13 May 6901210

* International Women's Day Sat 11 Mar. 11am Archibald Fountain

* HEMP: National Day of Action, Sat. 18 Mar. (07 3914004) + Nimbin May Day (Sat.29 Apr - Mon.1 May) - special guest Jack Herer (in Oz from 26 Apr - 7 May) 066891123

* Anarcho Syndicalist Public Meetings (by Michael Matteson) :- Self-Management in Algeria during the 1960s, Tues.28 Mar. Pabloism & Workers Self-Management of Industry, Tu. 25 Apr (8pm, Newtown Neighbourhood Centre, King St.)

CONTACTS

Please inform us if any are wrong or inappropriate, or should be included.

AABCC Aust Anti-Bases Campaign Coalition , PO Box A899 Sydney South 2000 , 267 2772,

Aboriginal Deaths in Custody Watch Committee , PO Box 65 Broadway 2007. , 660 6253, 264 9895 , 1st & 3rd Thurs month 6pm Newtown Neighbourhood Centre.

Abortion Action Campaign; , Women's Liberation House, 63 Palace St, Petersham , 569 3819 , PO Box E233 St James 2000

AETA (Aust East Timor Assoc) , 1st Wed of month 6.30pm Leichardt Town Hall, Norton St. , contact Stephen 331 5986,

AKSI Indonesian Solidarity Action , P.O.Box K717 Haymarket , 690 1977,

Angry People Newsletter , c/- Box 1, 583a King St, Newtown, ,

Animal Liberation, 212 6253, 3rd Mon/month 6:30pm suite 509, 410 Elizabeth st Surry Hills, Black Rose Anarchist Bookshop , 583a King St Newtown , 519 9194,

Bougainville Support Group, , , 1st Mon of month at Newtown Neighbourhood Centre, contact Vicki: 264 5790 or Moses Haveni: 804 7602,

Brisbane Anarchist Bookshop, newsletter etc , PO Box 558 Sth Brisbane 4101 , 07 252 1950,

CARPET (Coalition Against Repressive Police Equip & Training) , PO Box 222 Fitzroy 3065,

CAT TV Lefty - Anarcho community TV group , PO Box 636 Newtown 2042, ,

CEFTAA (Campaign Exposing Frame-ups and Targetting Abuses of Authority) [Now called Justice Action] , 3rd floor 391 Sussex st Haymarket , Each Wed 6:30pm , 281 5100

CISLAC (Committee In Solidarity with Latin America & the Caribbean) , 4th Tues of month 6.30pm , PO Box A431 Sydney South. , Contact Maria: 790 3093

EYA (Environmental Youth Alliance) , PO Box R1240 Sydney 2000 , 1st & 3rd Sat of month 499 Elizabeth st Surry Hills , 690 1269, 319 5029

Free Public Transport Group , PO Box 400 Broadway 2007 , 664 1425,

Fretilin (East Timor) , 823 2769 / , PO Box 74 Bonnyrigg 2177 , 610 1269

Jura Books , 110 Crystal St Petersham , 550 9931,

MAUM (Movement Against Uranium Mining) , PO Box K133 Haymarket 2000 , Suite 8 134 Broadway , 212 4538

Paddlers for Peace , contact Jenny: 550 7730, ,

People against Vivisection Inc , PO Box 103 Wentworth Falls 2782 , 047 57 3339,

PIECES (People Initiating Education Campaigns Eliminating Sexism) , contact Wendy / Brigitte: 8057730, ,

PNG Action Group , each Thurs 5.30pm at Green Spot Activist Resource centre, Green Books 94 Liverpool St City , Ph SRAG 261 2104,

Radio Graffitti Anarchist radio program , ,Radio Skid Row 88.9 FM , Hut 24 Addison Rd Community Centre Marrickville , 550 9552,

Rebel Worker newsletter , PO Box 92 Broadway 2007, ,

SRAG (Sydney Rainforest Action Group) PO Box A474 Sydney south 2000 94 Liver[pool St Sydney Tel: (+612) 261 2104 Fax: (+612) 264 6092, email srag@pactok.peg.

Unemployed Peoples Embassy , every Wed, 2pm St Peters Town Hall, Swain St , 557 3799,

Vibe Tribe , PO Box 691 Newtown 2042, ,

Women's Library , 73 Garden St Alexandria , Open Tues-Fri 11am-8pm ; Sat, Sun 11am-5pm, 319 0529